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Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al)
Serial No.: 09/544,801)
Filed: April 7, 2000)
Art Unit: 2826)
Examiner: Fazli Erdem)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR FABRICATING THE SAME)

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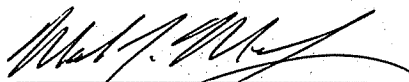
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US PATENT DOCUMENTS

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